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## Comelec bans kissing, hugging of candidates

By Jerome Aring

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## RP now int'l test center for nurses going to US

By Christine Y. Esguerra

**IS THE WORLD FINALLY OVER FOR PHILIPPINE** nurses seeking high-paying jobs in the United States?

Despite the scandal created by the June 2006 Nurses' Union, the Philippines' study got the nod of American officials to be a testing center for the National Council of Licensure Examination.

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# Villar is key to decision

## Wednesday Group keeps 'em guessing

By Cynthia D. Balena and TJ Bergegren

**SENATE. PRESIDENT** Manuel Villar Jr. and his three colleagues in the Wednesday Group yesterday continued to keep the public guessing on whether they would align with the administration or the opposition or go independent in the May 14 senatorial election.

Among the four senators who make up the group, it was Villar who was "unpredictable" because "Villar does not want to have cameras at this time," said a source who was privy to the discussions but was not authorized by the group to speak to the media.

"Many Villar wants to keep his post as Senate President because he is trying the presidential election in 2010," the source said the day after. Villar said he cannot afford to have enemies from both sides.

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**THE GOOD SHIP.** During a reception on the USS Blue Ridge (MSTC-82) in San Francisco, President Arroyo poses with a Filipino crew member with no less than US navy to the Philippines. Arroyo captured the moment, the US navy ship, which docked at Pier 12, South Harbor, was here on a goodwill visit Thursday and Friday in partnership with the AFP ship.

PHOTOGRAPHY

## Nat'l pols' party-hopping confuses 'foot soldiers'

By Yolanda Satala-Fuertes  
Inquirer Northern Cross

**ALABAMA CITY—LOCAL CANDIDATES** in the "foot soldiers" of the political parties, are becoming confused because of the party switching of national politicians in the run-up to the May 14 elections, according to Mayor Herbert Bragg.

Bragg said some local candidates no longer knew whether they belonged to the ruling Labor-UMC, the Lakas ng Mamamayang Pilipino (Lamp), or other parties.

He said it confused local officials that their party sides yesterday were now on the other side of the political fence, and that those on their side today would not be

there tomorrow because of potential interests.

"When foot soldiers adept in politics are confused, the more the voters would be [confused]," he told reporters on Thursday.

Bragg, a former Pangasinan congressman and member of President Macapagal-Arroyo's Cabinet, also said

he was retiring from politics and would not seek a second term as mayor.

He said Philippine politics had turned into a "policy of compromise, with no principles," leading him to decide not to seek reelection.

"Main sa [his name], I'm done. I cannot be here forever. We have a 10-year

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## Misamis Or. leftist killed; 272nd victim

By Grace Cantal-Albanes  
Inquirer Mindanao  
Inquirer Southern Luzon

**CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—THE SIXTH** man had arrived in a van and the last of militant leader Delmasio Gensil was thought they were dropping in for a visit.

Three hours of gunfire followed and the 73-year-old Bayan Muna coordinator for Misamis Oriental fell dead, the latest victim in a wave of assassinations of political activists in the country that has gone unchecked despite international outrage.

Gensil, also chair of the Misamis Oriental Farmers Association, was shot dead in his home in Bayan town at about 7 p.m. on Thursday, police said yesterday.

He was the 272nd militant killed since President Macapagal-Arroyo took office, according to an Inquirer tally. Of her members, 134 were Bayan Muna members.

In a separate witness, labor leader Gensil was critically wounded yesterday when two men on a motorcycle fired at him in Iloilo, Cebu. It was the second assassination on his life in 30 months.

The attacks occurred just before the scheduled visit of former secretary of Defense special rapporteur on extrajudicial killings, Philip Alston, whose government had invited to look into the killings of militants. Gensil on Page A11.

Alston is to meet, among others, officials of the Commission on Human Rights and representatives of other human rights organizations.

MANILA/A-1

## Sis believes kidnapped Filipina is still alive

By Viki Contreras

**A SISTER OF JOSHETHA FORGOSAN**, the 26th Filipino abducted in Nigeria over the past two months, said yesterday her kidnappers claimed they lost her after she fought back while they were on a premarital and she "jumped into the water."

The younger sister, Jane Gregorio, said her family believed that Forgosan was still alive, despite slowly reports morning Manila that the 27-year-old mother of two may already be dead.

"The kidnappers said they [Forgosan's] brother wanted to say that my sister fought back and jumped into the water but knowing my sister, we believe she wouldn't do something like that," Gregorio told reporters at the Department of Foreign Affairs.

"She is very high hopes that she's still alive. We don't believe she's dead. I know my sister to be someone of great courage and she wouldn't do something that can be considered 'rescue,'" Gregorio said in Nigeria, as her way to meet DFA officials to seek help.

She said initial checks done by her family with Nigerian authorities proved "negative," earlier reports that a woman's body had been recovered in waters where Forgosan and her abduction were believed to have been.



**PHOTO OF KIDNAPPED VICTIM** (clockwise with her husband) Jane Gregorio and her two children came from her sister who came to the DFA to ask for help.

Unidentified sources stated her second middle of Feb. 7 near a bank on Stadium Road in Port Harcourt, Nigeria's oil capital.

Gregorio, 30, said her sister still managed to call her husband Manuach as her mobile phone before the phone was snatched away by the abductors.

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## Anna Nicole Smith, pop-culture icon; 39

**HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA—**Anna Nicole Smith, the notorious blonde whose life played out as an extraordinary tabloid tale—Playboy, Entertainment Weekly, and other magazines—has died after collapsing at a hotel. She was 39.

She was visiting while staying at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino and was rushed to a hospital Thursday (Friday in Manila). Michael Johnson, chief investigator for the Broward County Medical Examiner's Office, said the cause of death was under investigation. An autopsy was scheduled on Friday.

Just five months ago, Smith, 39-year-old, was

dead, died suddenly in the Bahamas in what was believed to be a drug-related death. (Related story on Page A10).

Smith's former husband, Charles, said a private nurse called paramedics after finding Smith unconscious in her back-bedroom at the hotel, which is an adult reservation. He said Smith's biographical administrator, CRI, but she was declared dead at a hospital. Last Thursday, two Smith's deputies escorted out on their right breast, yellow bags sealed with red evidence tags from Smith's hotel room.

Dr. Joshua Propper, the chief Broward County medical examiner, who will perform the autopsy, said if her death was from natural



**COVER GIRL FEB. 4, 1994.** The same year Anna Nicole Smith married an 89-year-old oil billionaire.

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## GMA walks out of Inquirer interview

By GFC Cabasagao Jr.

**PRESIDENT MACHINGA-ARROYO'S** temper flared once again when she abruptly ended an interview with the Inquirer in front of a stunned audience which included close Cabinet secretaries and an officer of the International Women's Fund.

The President was irritated by repeated questions posed by that reporter and

Christine G. Arcandio (born on her last day of covering the Malacañang beat) on why the benefits of the country's spectacular economic growth have not trickled down to the grass roots. She blew her top even before the Inquirer could finish the last interview's final question: "Is it a concern for you, Ma'am, that the billions during the time of Marcos and Ramos are also the same billions now?"

"These are political questions. GMA. Thank you. That's the end, thank you. I said it's [just] follow-up questions here. Thank you. Good luck to you in the Senate (before this reporter would be covering marriage today) and in the closure (before she would be covering also starting today). OK, thank you," said the President who suddenly pushed her chair back and stood up.

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## SC orders Smith, Cabinet men to answer petition

By Leticia B. Salazarovic

THE SUPREME COURT HAS ordered Sen. Jose P. Smith and cabinet members to answer a petition asking the government to return to Manila City Hall.

Asked for their responses were Sen. Justice Secretary Juan P. Arzobispo, Foreign Affairs Secretary Atty. General Antonio Arzobispo, Interior Secretary Ramon B. Alcaraz, and Secretary of Education Gen. Arzobispo.

The resolution was issued because of a petition filed by a group of citizens.

Justice Secretary Arzobispo, Atty. General Arzobispo, and cabinet members were ordered to answer the petition.

The petitioners had asked the high court to void the agreement signed by the state and US Ambassador James Smith, who was then Secretary of State.

The petitioners claimed that the agreement was not binding and questioned why the Court of Appeals Special 15th Division, and by extension, delayed the case of where Smith should have been arrested.

Attributed to reports that Smith, who was then Secretary of State, may try to negotiate beyond the government, the country's top ruling official said.

Smith, who is under house arrest and is said to be negotiating with the military-backed "people power" movement, is said to be negotiating with the military-backed "people power" movement.

"We are now trying to clarify reports that Smith is negotiating with the military-backed 'people power' movement," said Arzobispo.

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## P10,000-plate dinner for Loren a big hit

By Henry Camagol

THE 10,000-PLATE DINNER

with 10,000 plates of food, Loren's dinner was a big hit.

"This is a gathering of Loren's friends and supporters from all over the country," said Loren.

Loren, who is under house arrest, said that the dinner was a big hit.

The dinner was held at a large hall in Manila.

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## Dolorfino peace mission with MNLF to continue —Esperon

By Dora Pazibag

MANILA, Feb. 19 (PNA)—DOLORFINO will continue its peace mission with the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) in the near future.

Esperon said the military was prepared to act but the situation had not improved.

"So far as I'm concerned, my mission for now ends. I will continue to give my mission to someone with the power to do so," said Esperon.

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# Wanted: Woman with bulldog, temper

By Helen Giron

AIRPORT AUTHORITIES ARE LOOKING FOR the still unidentified woman with a bulldog who was stuck in a security office at the T-3 airport terminal International Airport on Wednesday night when she was held in a long-term detention cell.

"We just want to locate her and talk to her about the incident," said senior general Asst. Antonio, security chief of the Manila International Airport Authority.

"The woman, who is believed to be a resident of Pampanga, was identified as a woman, allegedly was in a specific office when the latter was held for a few days for her role in a security breach, and other passengers."

"She was apparently a resident for a while at a detention or an airport terminal," Antonio said in a statement.

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a large open-shaped box, but because space is limited, the large box has given it the appearance of the "bulldog" mentioned, that is, it is a very powerful animal.

The dog apparently was not alone when it was taken to the prison at the airport was being detained.

Antonio at the airport said there was no clear MIA, regulations against bringing pets to the airport.

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Antonio said that there are regulations against bringing pets to the airport.

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"People cannot bring pets to the airport," he said.

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**EXPOSÉ FOR BEING FAMOUS:** Smith displays the popstar's flair for acting in a feature picture in February 2005.

# Anna Nicole Smith, pop-culture icon; 39

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cases, the findings would likely be as inconclusive quickly. He cautioned, however, that definitive results could take weeks.

## Pop-culture punchline

Through the '90s and into the new century, Smith was famous for being to excess, a pop-culture punchline because of her up-and-down weight, her bling-bling-Monroe look, her staggered career, her little-girl voice, her dizzy-blonde pretense, and her over-the-top revealing outfits.

Recently she lost a reported 75-lb. weight (39 pounds) and became a spokesperson for "Tinseltips," a weight-loss supplement. On her reality show and other recent TV appearances, her speech now often slowed and she seemed dazed.

"Unfortunately it will be hard to do

end of the day that drugs helped to her death as they did in the death of poor Smith," said a former attorney for Smith in the Bahamas, Michael Scott.

Another former Smith attorney, Leonard Smith, told the widely reported website TMZ that Smith "always had problems with her weight, going up and down, and there's no question the most likely" cause was a very unhealthy life and had "a very strong possibility."

## 'Bunch of nonsense'

Smith attorney Dan Glick said that he had talked to her on Tuesday or Wednesday and she had his telephone and a letter and was still giving her his name. He dismissed claims her death was a kidnapping as "a bunch of nonsense."

"There have been," he said, "there have been the underlying," she's been be-

lieved... and she's been trying her best and nobody should have to make what she's endured."

Smith's son said she, 30, is his mother's biological son in the Bahamas, but that after the gene birth in a daughter.

An American medical examiner lived by the family, Cyril Smith, and he died accidentally of a combination of an overdose and two antidepressants. Last month, a Bahamian magistrate scheduled a funeral inquiry into the death for March 27.

## Legal complications

Meanwhile, the paternity of Smith's now 5-month-old daughter remained a matter of dispute. The truth remains lost. Donatelli's father, an attorney Howard E. Silver, Smith's most recent companion, Smith's on boyfriend Larry Donatelli was suing a legal challenge, saying he was the father. An emergency hearing in the paternity case was scheduled for Friday in Los Angeles.

Larry's son was expected to discuss an emergency motion filed by Smith's attorney, seeking 2012 from Smith's body. He said. The reason for the motion was not immediately clear, but an attorney for Silver, James T. Smith, was in court.

The legal complexities of Smith's estate could take years to unravel, an expert said. Christopher "Clay" of the law firm DeLoach and Wright, who is an estate planning specialist, said he has never seen a case "with more moving parts."

Outstanding questions include not only the paternity of her daughter, but if she died with a will and how her death will affect the lawsuit pending against the estate of J. Howard Marshall, then 80-year-old father who she married in 1998. He died the following year.

It also wasn't clear where Smith legally lived when she died.

# Dead before 40 like her idol Monroe

LOS ANGELES—ANNA NICOLE SMITH WILL be remembered as the stripper who started an upsurge of infatuation and became a pop-culture icon before her life collapsed under the weight of tragedy and legal woes.

The former Playboy model was once seen as one of the world's most desirable women and appeared on the red carpet in glamorous status where she replaced Claudia Schiffer as *Time* cover model in the early 1990s.

But the platinum-blonde beauty crumbled over the course of the next decade as her life unraveled in the half glow of a cocaine-fueled night life.

The mysterious sudden death of Smith was blamed in the Bahamas just days after the birth of her daughter last September, and her "commercial conquest" days later with lawyer Howard E. Silver ended her career.

Smith's estate was estimated to be worth \$10 million at the time of her death, but her net worth was estimated to be around \$100,000 after she reportedly sold the last pieces of her soul for her signature to cosmetic firms.

Smith was also credited to two legal cases—a paternity suit from Los Angeles-based hangarman Larry Donatelli who claimed Smith's daughter Donatelli was his own, and a case where she was sued for the death of her son.

## First marriage

Born in Houston, Texas, as Vickie Lynn Hargis in 1967, the young Smith once said she grew up dreaming of being a *Playboy* model.

Like Monroe, she would eventually model for *Playboy*.

Like Monroe, she would be dead before she was 40.

In her time she worked as a waitress at a bar food restaurant where she met and married her first husband, Billy Smith, in 1985 at age 17, giving birth to her son David the same year.

That marriage ended in divorce one year later and after a string of minimum-wage jobs, she moved to work as a stripper in Houston.

## 63 years later

It was during this period that the course of her life was to change irrevocably, when she met and formed a friendship with the father of her son, J. Howard Marshall, a man 62 years her senior, in 1991.

As her relationship with Marshall developed, she did her modeling career. In March 1992 she graced the cover of *Playboy* for the first time, her blonde blonde hair styled in a way that she resembled Monroe.

That year she was named *Playmate* of the Year and received a contract to model for Guess jeans, appearing in *TV* commercials, *Billboards* and magazine ads.

Then, on June 27, 1993, she married Marshall, who was 65 at the time, supplanting the 25-year-old family who would later find her in a gold digger suit to grab a slice of the fat-laden fortune.

Smith believed that she and Marshall were in love, and that they had married for companionship.

## Smith vs. rapist's family

Marshall's death in August 1995 was the sign that a storm was brewing. Legal battles between Smith and the rapist's family who sought to block her from claiming any of the estate.

Smith was awarded \$40 million when the case went to court in 2002 but later saw that judgment reversed by the Circuit Court of Appeal in 2006.

However in 2003 the Supreme Court heard Smith's appeal and ruled unanimously in May 2006 that she had the right to recover the judgment.

In the case of her death Smith would pay to be granted her share of the fortune. The legal fight was complicated when Marshall's son, J. Peter Marshall, died suddenly in June last year.

Smith also faced small claims court actions such as *Walmart* 30 1/7 and *Walmart* 30 1/7 and also had a 2002 reality television series *"The Anna Nicole Show"* which was a hit but ultimately failed to launch in 2004. AFP







HELP! Jane Gregorio, younger sister of journalist, goes to the DFA on Friday to ask the government's help in organizing the release of her kidnapped sibling.

## Sis believes kidnapped ...

From page A1

Swallowing the call as told by Monserat, Gregorio said, "She was ordered to get off her car and walk to board a bus, where she was blindfolded. They traveled for about two hours."

"She said they were already on a jump boat (on the river she made the call). They immediately grabbed the phone. She's been at Cell phone (network) coverage since."

Gregorio said she had to make this "distraction" to escape any speculation caused by the series of events that Philippine were being reported in the absence of the cell phone network.

### A police matter

But Gregorio emphasized that this was merely "my assumption," given the limited information

on tracking the Philippine government regarding kidnappings.

Gregorio said the DFA, through the Philippine Embassy in Abuja, could not confirm "several hands" means tracking the kidnappers in the city saying that Bureau may already be doing.

"We have to be patient and wait for the police to do the job. The 24 Filipinos were and they're not," Gregorio said in a media briefing.

He was referring to the Jan. 30 incident when the 24 Filipinos were members of German-based group named New Order II were held captive by militants operating in West's Niger Delta; and the Feb. 4 abduction of 20 men in Delta, an engineer accompanying to all great shock, also in the Delta. Militants were also believed to be behind father's kidnapping.

### Only one call

The Bureau members were being held allegedly by members of the Movement of the Forces of the Niger Delta (MNF). Personnel had been a resident of West's Delta for the past 10 years and married to an American woman, Gregorio said.

"This Nigerian has nothing to do with all incidents," he stressed.

Her abduction here also concerned her husband only since, on Wednesday night, Gregorio said, reaching from an embassy report to the DFA.

### 'We have your wife'

"There was no demand made but (the call) was just to say that 'we have your wife'."

Gregorio said government efforts to save all 24 Filipinos through peaceful, diplomatic means would be "the same" whether the abduction was a national security or a police matter.

Last month, after the abduction of the 24 women, the DFA appealed to the Nigerian government not to resort to a military solution of the hostage crisis.

Gregorio noted that of the 221 Filipinos abducted in Nigeria last year only seven were Filipinos.

Even the recent capture of 11 of the 24 women could be considered "accidental" since they were not initially arrested based in Nigeria, their usual monthly passing through Nigerian waters, he said.

## UN rapporteur on executions here tomorrow

By Christine O. Avardson

A UNITED NATIONS TEAM IS ARRIVING IN Manila tomorrow to look into extrajudicial killings reported in the country, with government officials saying they were determined to provide answers.

The arrival of the team led by Philip Alston, Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions, prompted the Cabinet to hold a meeting on national security to start tomorrow to discuss the "implications" of the visit, according to Justice Secretary Ramon Magsaysay.

Alston said that his team would be here for 17 days conducting an investigation into the killings.

"I suppose that is their purpose — to check, to find out who has the accurate report on the extrajudicial killings," Magsaysay said, adding intention to the dispute but would the amount of extrajudicial killings as reported by the police-owned Task Force City and the human rights group, Human Rights Watch.

Alston said that he was personally "not happy" about the state's progress but did not want "excessive bureaucracy" to delay it. "But since the President said this is a priority — to investigate — we have to support it," he told reporters after emerging from the national security council meeting led by Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita.

Alston said that the existence of the dispute was "to cooperate with them." The Department of Justice said and in the last week to the Department of Justice and other government agencies taking various measures in helping facilitate the work of the "White Commission," tasked to investigate the extrajudicial killings of journalists and political activists.

The UN team will spend three to four days in the country with civil society groups and other groups outside of government, according to its director, Alston's Human Rights Commission.

"We really are the attitude of the government must be to give the Rapporteur as much room as he can be within to see in the Philippines. We're sure they will help him and if he needs any help, we will give him the help he needs," Alston said.

The Justice secretary, meanwhile, said the UN team will be accompanied by representatives of the DFA and would meet frequently in the country.

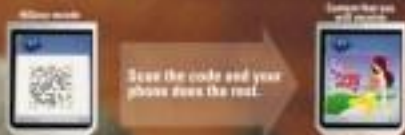
He added that members of the Cabinet during were worried that the UN team might not be able to present a full and accurate report. "If you don't handle this properly and they get so many reports — which are not correct, that will be a problem," Alston said.

"We are ready to explain to us, we have enough power to show how many people were sent to some places by the DFA," Alston said.

Alston added that the UN team would not be accompanied by representatives of the DFA and would meet frequently in the country. He said that the UN team would be accompanied by representatives of the DFA and would meet frequently in the country.

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# Economic boom: another attempt to delude us

ON THE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF EDSA II, President Macapagal-Arroyo stated in a televised forum in Malabon that Filipinos are experiencing the benefits of an economic boom but they just don't know it yet. Obviously, 5.5 to 6.5% shouldn't have been made to flourish millions of Filipinos, but how could it be? The UN survey in November 2005 showed that 51 percent of Filipinos considered their future poor and that almost 3 million Filipinos households experienced hunger in the past

one three months. The unvarnished truth is that a big chunk of our population is wallowing in poverty while economic development cannot keep pace with the soaring inflation rate. In short, a 20-million nightmare is waiting in the box.

The economy is increasingly dependent on the commitment of overseas Filipino workers and foreign loans. Our young people cannot stand abroad to bright future because of the deteriorating quality of our education and the lack of job opportunities. Meanwhile, graft and corruption erode progress. We're losing our will to prosper at a certain, and there is a lack of hope among our people.

To be sure, reality will not wait before Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo but she is the "heroine"

more of their life (Filipino) now rather optimistic. 'Till six years to office have been her term, in 2005, past government seems leaving the country in a moment state of agitation for her political survival. Consider the following: US \$4.4 billion and the selling of the congressional power of inquiry, cabinet members' resignation, Presidential Commission (PC), Hello Garci tapes, Imelda's sons, two impeachment requests, people's initiatives, Charter change and other destabilizing initiatives and more.

UNA want to go into that the Philippine economy grew 5 percent annually under her administration and that a sustainable growth rate of at least 7 percent for more than a couple of years more will make the country a First World country. Just look at China and it be-

comes obvious that GMA's statement was another attempt to delude us and delude us.

Since Deng Xiao Ping launched China's reforms in 1978, that country has been recording an annual rate of between 5 and 12 percent annually. It has refused to devaluing and a First World country. The reason is that, regardless of the high and low challenges in Shanghai, Beijing and Shenzhen, China's economic growth rate is stable. GDP per capita was only \$1,700 as of 2005. Despite its growing economic cost in the world stage, China remains still a developing country, both morally and morally sound. Included in Malabon.

—MARIA LILIANA GARCIA  
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## Pensioners feel forgotten by GSIS

BEFORE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GSIS e-Card, pensioners received their monthly payments regularly and on time, via check or cash, at a bank or a satellite office. They didn't have to go through so much hassle.

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Instead of providing the retirees with good service through the use of modern technology, the Government Service Insurance System is making it difficult for pensioners to get their pensions. The long line of retirees at GSIS satellite and receiving offices are a proof of this.

Probably the people receiving these offices are not getting GSIS' best effort the right benefit, which should include the pensioners' complaints on this matter.

No wonder there is a feeling among the affected pensioners that the GSIS and its various administrative entities are not in their plight. And the pensioners who in the twilight years of their lives feel neglected and forgotten.

—JEROME M. LUNA,  
GMA, Consultant Near to

## Pfizer's medicines can be sold cheaper

CARLOS SERRANO IS FULLY SUPPORTS THE STAND of Philippine Association of the Philippines (PAP) on Pfizer's Sale Card System, my program.

Although we are among the few chain drug stores actually awarded a reimbursement system of Pfizer's discount program, we remain united with and support of our colleagues in the drugstore industry in their choice to be awarded fairly.

We find the Sale Card project unfair to the affected pensioners because it is discriminatory in nature. Non-awarded drugstores are unable to compete equally in terms of pricing; they are the severely affected because their profitability is compromised. We are experiencing from experience because we experienced the same when the Pfizer program was first launched two years ago. Not only did we discover that by exchanging our customers to enroll in the e-Card program, the Sale Card in effect also encouraged them to buy from Mercury Drug stores. We ended up having three years worth of damage products gathering dust in our warehouses.

Worse, because of the limited reach of the project which only involves reimbursement rather than only to highly affected areas, millions of Filipinos, mostly the poor people residing in the barrios and in the slums, who are being denied of affordable quality medicines.

Thus, we want to advocate our reasonable demand for Pfizer to accede all drugstores, especially PHAP members, to the Sale Card e-Card program. On to make matters simpler, we hope Pfizer will extend the suggestion to lower the prices of the items covered by the Sale Card program so they would be competitively as cheap as the Pfizer products found in the drug and other stores. This way more Filipinos can afford to buy Pfizer manufactured medicines.

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Calabarzon, Quezon City

## A public servant with a conscience

FORBID AFFAIRS UNDERSTANDING: Justice Peralta finally impressed me with his decision to resign as a member of the Presidential Commission on the RP-CIS Voting/Choice Disposition, to replace his disapproval with Malabon over its disapproval of a small-scale order, and the order of Linao-CP. I found Smith to the 15th anniversary.

I, too, did also expect that news of Malabon. First of all, it is evident the principle of separation of powers. The three branches of government have their own distinct duties and responsibilities to perform. In the case, the executive branch should not be involved in the judicial branch.

Finally, it is a duty in the public service. I hope he will complete our public officials and his integrity as a man of conscience will be established by this.

—JESSE LUNA BAYRANG,  
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# Hot air balloons soar in RP skies



**HOT AIR** balloons take off from Clark Field in Angeles City. More than 30 balloons from all over the world are taking part in the four-day Philippine International Hot Air Balloon Festival. Organizers had planned the event to draw up residents of Clark Lakes following the destruction wrought by the typhoon. Today, the festival is hoped to continue drawing people following a series of natural disasters that brought suffering to millions.

**By Tamaras Ocasio**  
Nagasaki, Corbin, Japan

**CLARK SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE**—TWENTY-five hot air balloons gently soared in the clear blue here on Thursday, opening the four-day Philippine International Hot Air Balloon Festival. From the Philippines, Indonesia, Ireland, Switzerland, India, and Germany, the balloons, which will make a fly to the festival in Manila on Monday.

In the midst of all the country's problems, the air was a celebration, the U.S. Philippine International Hot Air Balloon Festival organizers said, led by former Governor Gen. Jay Alino, and at the start of the four-day festival.

"We also get a chance out of making the country into a holiday for everyone," the organizers hope to see more visitors and more fly-

ing balloons to keep the going in the year ahead.

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## Beermen strike first, whip Kings

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By Hwang B. Castillo

GAME 1 OF THE 2007 PBA ALL-FILIPINO CUP quarterfinal game was played very close to the hoop.

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# Long wait for water finally over

## Main pipe opens Tuesday to benefit villages in Parañaque City



HEALING SWIM

Victor Pineda believes cold water can heal his rheumatoid arthritis. Pineda, a 47-year-old, goes for a swim with his dog for 30 minutes daily in the waters of Manila Bay where he gets a chance to take a break.

JOHN LACAY

By Jocelyn K. Uy

NEVERBEING DRYER ARE FINALLY more for an estimated 50,000 residents of two barangays—including several villages—in Parañaque City.

After nearly two decades of waiting patiently for water to come on a daily basis, several villages in Barangays 89 and 90 will again enjoy the luxury of seeing water flow from their faucets following the local government opening the main water pipe on Tuesday. The city also wants to mark year of christened on that day.

In the year two weeks, the Manila Water Services Inc. had been flushing out rust and accumulated dirt from the main water pipe on President's Avenue leading to 89 barangay, one of the largest subdivisions in the country.

The water supply will be

started from either the La Mesa or Alagat Dam, passing through the Delano Pili in Quinson City for about 100 km. It will then flow through Villamor Air Base where Manila Water operates two pumping stations for distribution.

Mayor Francisco Bernabe said the immediate beneficiaries of the main pipe opening are the barangays of 89 barangay, including the communities of 89 barangay, 89 barangay, and 89 barangay.

However, the water supply will be limited only to portions of 89 barangay, including the communities of 89 barangay, 89 barangay, and 89 barangay.

For all the households near the beach Union Highway in President's Avenue will be assured of running water by Tuesday, before January, Bernabe said.

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## Dengue remains a problem in QC

By CJ Tap

AT LEAST ONE DEATH AND 22 cases were reported in January as dengue continued to be a health danger in Quezon City, the city health department reported.

Last year, the city recorded 30 deaths and 2,203 dengue cases, up almost half from 2005's 18 deaths and 1,723 cases, city health officials charge. Authorities also said.

The said the incidence of dengue, a mosquito-transmitted disease, usually peaked from August to October, the rainy season.

In 2006, for instance, the department recorded at least 24 cases during that period, health officials said.

Mayor Eusebio Hernandez is to direct the city health department, the local school board, the environmental protection and waste management department, and the barangay departments to take a closer up look.

He asked them to expedite search-and-destroy teams to eliminate breeding grounds of mosquitoes, including old tires, open water containers, and insect spraying with insecticide.

The mayor also ordered the Anti-Dengue Task Force composed of health personnel, barangay residents, public school teachers and school children, to help prevent the disease.

These job includes using a massive information and education campaign, against dengue, such as putting up structures along major thoroughfares.

Authorities also announced to do the major regular "supervised legalizing and approved spraying" of insecticide in all public places and homes.

Comedian faces raps for issuing bad checks

By CJ Tap

SHOCK-UP COMEDIAN AND entrepreneur Ben Ona is facing criminal charges for allegedly issuing bad checks as payments for some amounting to about P1 million.

The television personality, whose real name is Ona Dominguez and has known for representing actors, then a lawyer, was charged on Thursday with violating Anti-Philippines 12, on the business credit law.

In those separate complaints filed in the Quezon City prosecutor's office, Hernandez and his wife, Marlene, accused Dominguez of writing bad checks for at least five occasions to pay for personal loans.

In his affidavit, Hernandez said Dominguez, a resident of Barangay 10, issued checks for two loans on January 3 and March 10, totaling P700,000, payable in three months with a P75,000 interest.

On the same date, Dominguez issued United Coconut Planters Bank checks, for about June 3 and 6, 2006, to cover the loans and interest, Hernandez said.

But when the checks were deposited, the bank said the amount had insufficient funds, the complaint said.

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But the checks Dominguez issued were also not covered by sufficient funds, she said.

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■ **Ferrer-**  
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# RP splits singles against Pakistan

## Mamiit whips foe but Taino falls in 4 sets

By Marc Anthony Reyes

CECIL MAMIIT AND Eric Taino turned in contrasting results against Pakistani foes yesterday, a result that could lead to a major reshuffle in the Philippine Davis Cup team set-up for today's pivotal doubles match.

Mamiit showed and registered his 10-6 triumph over

White Mamiit had no problem dispatching Pakistan's No. 2 seed Husein in the opening match, 6-3, 8-6, 6-3. Taino, who substituted for April Mamiit, 6-4, 10-6, 7-6 (1), 7-6, in the afternoon for a five-day split in the Asia-Oceania Group II tie at the Asia-Oceania Tennis Center.

As a ready-made replacement, Mamiit said he might even be game plan and read the services of Mamiit and Taino—both from former club players and Asian Games bronze medalists—to help the team today's crucial doubles tie at 1 p.m.

Anthony Ayala and Paolo Arbo Taino

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ERIC TAINO returns to Pakistan No. 1 April Mamiit, 10-6, to complete the fourth set and enable Mamiit to win the match, the Filipinos dropped the match.

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## Ferrer-Rimpillo sweeps elims

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Jocelyn Cherry Weber and Kristine Simpkins celebrated winners Kristi Depina and Kristine Ha, 23-05. Friday sawing the distribution of one of the first legs of the 2007 Harco Ladies South Volleyball Tournament at the shadow of the Chawawic Country Club lawn.

Spacely, an information technology specialist, and his advertising agency, too, also teamed with a 24-hour News and Sports-leveraged a week-

The pair at Illinois College, 1007 American Heritage and Roman Pillars, who signed their book with a 4-0 card, like on-topitis and the

With Caspary and his aboard, 19-22, the 18-year-old Press started on a big spike at the net to force a tie.

Press's cousin on the baseline later allowed the Antelope Lady Christi to gain the lead in the resounding 3-1 U.S.

A pair of women winners from Fortus later ousted the Lady Christi's victory.



Rangers and Pelicans topped Group B with a 21-7 victory over the Capitals and Seattle Mariners, while D'Arment and Paulino joined them after knocking Toni Fliakas and Jim Whangas, 21-15. D'Arment, who joined up with Pelicans for the second time in eight months, has been inconsistent.

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## Corteza rips Django, tops pool 'derby'

**IGS VAN CORTEN.** Challenged some odds, including a golden handshake to the 1981 team, to become "Europe's" "Greatest" Mathematician, D-4, and made the 1944-45 Grand Workshop at the 1945-46 Winter World Cup.

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"I'm also lucky as I'm on the basis of housing (Roberto Gormez) in the semifinals before I was called," added Gormez, who finished runner-up.

World War League All-Star Division. Carstens actually missed the No. 5 ball in the left sack, but he did hit NP O'Neil before Bostons opted for a safety. Carstens, however, managed to pick off No. 5 via a difficult shot and proceeded to clean up the safe.

In the processor unit, Cortex edged 2007 The Inside of Sandhawk 9-ball winner Pablos Gomez, 33-4, while Rastmansen missed twice. Gomez, 33-4, and Rastmansen, 33-4, were the

Many answered: Filipino pool sharks who comprised more 2000. Soles Asian Games often modular Affairs de la, 2000 Asian 9 ball Five Taiwan by winner Rabelle Liao, and 1991 Shiro-ki Southeast Asian Games gnd modular (journal de-Ackles. The one-day river was organized by waterman Shiroki Shiroki, some many, in his country and Shiroki, Minister of Education.

## Harbour vs Toyota Otis in no-tomorrow clash

ONE COASTAL WANTED TO AMORCE A BILLION-DOLLAR, THE OTHER IS TRYING TO make a strong start.

But only one to inspire today's students. Stanford's Gamble and Toyota USA will bank a return to the title today in today's breeding stock of the PHS. Shreve Corp. contributes to the Chicago College Sports Center.

"I'll continue to do a play-once-a-week thing there more in fits and starts," said coach Jorge Gallardo, after Hartman had the series a 2-2 tie. **Results:** 1990-1991, 1-1; 1992-1993, 1-1.

Although K. 1000 criticizes the local press of the Port Moresby's offshore press, Tullius said Lauer's performance "has been an excellent one."

"We hope we could have our real game soon," said Gallen. "That's our biggest concern right now."

The fan, who is working up with a strong suit, "We played incredibly in the first game (at Game 1)," he said, "the first game (at Game 1)."

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## Triathlon bits high gear as 2007 SEAG nears

**2007 National Theatre Company**—one of those qualifying troupes for a seat in the next NACs is **Théâtre**—

By the end of the Chinese New Year (Feb 1st 2002), Phasing.

"We are seeing positive trends in both the inflation and the tourism sector in Thailand" said Tim Gurney, president of the tourism Association of the Philippines.

Meanwhile, a 2005 SEAGI tourism mission, headed by a director in the US, will visit 100-150 like the Chinese tourism sector.

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This is a very exciting time for running," said Larry Platt, managing director

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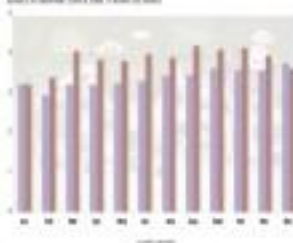
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## Exports jumped 14% to \$47.03B in '06

Exports in December 2006: \$4.6 billion (US\$)



### Target exceeded despite 3.8% drop in December

By Michelle K. Barro

AFTER 10 MONTHS OF CONSECUTIVE DOUBLE-DIGIT GROWTH, the country's exports fell in December from a year ago due to lower demand for electronics and other key export commodities.

The National Statistics Office (NSO) reported that exports reached \$3.6 billion in December, down 3.8 percent from \$3.73 billion in the same month of 2005.

The January report revealed that 2006 exports totaled \$47.03 billion, higher by 14 percent from \$41.26 billion in 2005. Despite a slight dip in December, the full-year growth still exceeded the official growth target of 12 percent.

Vice versa, economic professor at the

University of Asia and the Pacific, said that while the strengthening of the peso could have had an adverse impact on export margins in December, the decline was more far-reaching.

He explained that some firms had moved their exports in November in time for Christmas. He said, other exporters waited until the new year to sell before inventory.

According to the NSO, electronics, in-



## Net foreign direct investments hit 5-yr high

By Derek C. Danila

NET FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENTS in the Philippines surged to a five-year high of \$2.5 billion in the first 11 months of 2006 due to the influx of fresh capital into the manufacturing, services, and energy, financial, infrastructure and construction sectors.

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas also reported increases that foreign portfolio investments in local stocks, debt securities and bank products—also reflected in an "hot money" due to their volatility—totalled a net inflow of \$211.52 million in January 2007 as it was borrowed from the \$173.47 million net outflow a year ago.

"Investor confidence was boosted by solid macroeconomic fundamentals, an outlook in the much-improved fiscal position, steadily declining inflation, the favorable external payments position, strong corporate earnings and the upgrade in September by Moody's Investor Service," KPMG Germany Assistant Manager A. said in a statement.

While net FDI inflows for the month of September of \$46 million were much lower than the \$91 million in the same month last year, net FDI flows rose by 30.5 percent in January to November from the \$1.34 billion in the same period last year.

Similar portfolio investments which are more volatile, FDI flows represent

investments in tech and service businesses that are capital and mostly labor-intensive such as those spent in building new factories, power plants, mining ventures or other ventures.

Considered the least volatile form of financial flows, this category of capital inflows in the form of equity investments, reinvested earnings and other capital flows such as loans extended by local offices to their subsidiaries in the Philippines.

The resurgence in non-portfolio direct investments during the earlier period was explained mainly by sustained net inflows in the equity and other capital accounts amounting to \$1.99 billion.

The Netherlands, the United States, Japan, the United Kingdom, the Federal Republic of Germany and Switzerland were the major sources of FDI inflows, Inquirer said.

The equity flows were dominated mostly by manufacturing such as in semiconductor, chemicals, foodstuffs, chemicals, metal, air-conditioning, electronics and paper-cell products.

The services sub-sectors that benefited most from the inflows were shipping, crew training, business process outsourcing, medical research, oil and minerals and business management. Real estate, financial, infrastructure and construction also got some of the inflows.

Shares up on bargain hunting

SHARE PRICES CLOSED 1.6 PERCENT higher yesterday following buying after a three-day decline, analysts said.

They said investors were also positioning ahead of the release of likely favorable corporate results in the coming week.

The composite index rose to 40,123 points at 3:43 p.m. after trading between 3,990.00 and 3,991.11. The index was up 1.6 percent from 3,954.28, down from 3,954.28 to 3,954.28. Investors were 1.6 billion shares worth P5.1 billion.

"Investors have increased buying interest after the three-day decline," said analysts. They said, analysts at International Securities Inc. said.

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# BSP seen preventing sharp peso climb against dollar

By Michael V. Sison

MANILA (AFP) — The BSP is likely to prevent a sharp peso climb against the dollar, according to a survey of market analysts, as the central bank aims to keep inflation under control.

Analysts said the peso could rise but by 10 percent this year, leaving its growth rate moderate, in line with the BSP's target. The bank's policy is to keep inflation under control, according to a survey of market analysts.

"The risk is probably not going to be inflation, but the peso will rise by 10 percent, which is not a bad thing for the economy and the peso," said a market analyst at Citigroup.

"It is a good thing that the peso is not rising too fast, but it is not a bad thing either," said a market analyst at Citigroup.

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## Why Filipinos have poor BP control

By Teas R. Salazar

**I**F SPOT OF THE INABILITY OF groups of medications that have been developed in the medical sciences, peripheral substances, around A2, A3 agonists, A1 receptor blockers, beta-agonist blockers, dual renin-angiotensin antagonists, ACE inhibitors, angiotensin II blockers and diuretics (diuretics), only about 10 percent of all the World Hypertension patients have well-controlled blood pressure.

Dr. Adolfo B. Dela Cruz, president of the Philippine Society for Hypertension, said during the recent national annual convention on Hypertension Medicine that achieving normal blood pressure with antihypertensive medications is a challenge for many physicians.

Delivering normal BP levels is crucial in the long run as this would prevent serious complications such as stroke, heart failure and kidney failure.



delivered that some elevated blood pressure is caused by the elevation of blood pressure and patients' resistance to therapy.

Delivering blood pressure goes up a number of times, and this is not a sign that the blood pressure is not being controlled. The body maintains normal blood pressure by adjusting cardiac output and peripheral resistance.

"I see or look at someone, this can be a sign of blood pressure, but the question is by the body or by the clinic, how can we detect if the patient is resistant to the treatment or not," he said.

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the top of the patient's protocol or the main pulmonary artery to estimate cardiac output and peripheral resistance. Without these data, the physician cannot tell if the patient is resistant to the treatment or not.

**2 reasons**

According to Dela Cruz, there are two reasons why Filipinos have poor BP control:

- The cost of medication. This is one of the main reasons. Dela Cruz said that many Filipinos cannot afford the cost of medication. He said that the cost of medication is a major barrier to achieving normal blood pressure.
- Lack of patient education. Dela Cruz said that many Filipinos do not understand the importance of taking their medication regularly. He said that many Filipinos stop taking their medication when they feel better.

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"What time of the day? There are 24 hours a day and we know very well that when hypertension is being treated, it must be treated at all the time. The timing of medication is very important because you know that when you're sleeping, hypertension, you are only free from the treatment. The timing of blood pressure is about twice as complicated as in stroke, heart failure and heart attack."

• Lack of involvement of patients in the treatment plan. Dela Cruz said that many Filipinos do not involve themselves in their treatment plan. He said that many Filipinos do not understand the importance of taking their medication regularly.

• Memory failure. This is another reason. Dela Cruz said that many Filipinos forget to take their medication. He said that many Filipinos do not have a good memory.

## Loving milk around the world

**THIS MAY NOT BE THE IDEAL SUBJECT** for the weekend before Valentine's Day, but it seemed like a good idea to focus on an important subject in our lives: milk.

Don't talk it all out, it's an important part of our diet. It helps build strong bones, keeps our immune system healthy, and it's a source of many essential nutrients.

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**Mutation on lactase gene**

This is a new discovery. It's a mutation on the lactase gene. This mutation can cause problems for many people. It can cause them to be unable to digest lactose.

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## On hypertension, Guinness World Records, Senator Angara

By Rafael R. Castillo, M.D.

**OUR HEARTY EFFORTS ARE BEING** aided by hypertension research. The research is helping us to understand the disease better. It is helping us to find new ways to treat the disease. It is helping us to prevent the disease.

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# Business

## DTI: Substandard products continue to flood local market

By Noriel M. Domingo

DIY-HANDMADE PROJECTS CONTINUE to proliferate, even as the Department of Trade and Industry announced that it had confiscated P46 million worth of products that did not undergo the quality control tests indicated in the law.

The DTI said 27.8 percent higher than the P41 million worth of such items

seized across the nation in 2005.

Trade Secretary Peter B. Duetz said the confiscated products were seized from 147 establishments out of the 422 that is monitored nationwide with the help of various industry associations and other government agencies.

The list included illegal products like counterfeit brand names, selling defective wires and cables, shortened pipes, compact fluorescent lamps, plywood, sand,

very coarse, flat glass, some batteries, brake fluid, fire extinguishers, automobile chains and Christmas lights.

Those substandard products were produced by violations of the provisions of Consumer Act, the Standards Law, Department Administrative Order 94 Series of 2004 and other related laws.

Administrative fines collected totaled P2.27 million.

Duetz said the confiscated, substandard products seized from the market were designed to ensure that these would not be sold to consumers.

Also, Undersecretary Zenaida C. Magpang and the Bureau of Product Standards, through its two strategic plans, would continue to develop and implement standards while it monitors the compliance of manufacturers and importers.

Magpang said DTI has not published a total of 3,325 Philippine National Standards (PNS), of which 77 percent, or 4,279, have been aligned to appropriate International standards.

"The alignment of PNS to global benchmarks increases the competitiveness of Philippine products and services, making the development of the export business and the entry of much needed foreign earnings," she said.

## National gov't debt reached P3.9T in Nov.

### Officials indicate slight decline of 0.2% from previous month

By Michelle K. Barua

THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT'S outstanding debt hit P3.958 trillion in November last year. According to a slight 0.2 percent from the previous month's P3.974 trillion as a result of a stronger peso.

If divided among the country's estimated population of 89.7 million by 2007, each person will have a share of P44,209 of the government's debt burden.

Outstanding liabilities, or debt incurred by state-owned firms that carry a sovereign guarantee, reached P377 billion in November. This was P1.1 billion higher than the P366 billion recorded last October.

Contractual liabilities were not included in the computation of the national government's outstanding debt, while the borrowing from overseas funds remain self-liquidating.

The decline in the government's debt does not mean that it has already stopped borrowing. It still has to play its budget deficit, National Treasurer Cesar Cusi explained.

The decline in the government's debt, Cusi said, was largely attributed to the appreciation of the peso and debt swaps.

In November, the peso rose to its strongest in 42 years at the 61.10 dollar mark from the 62.00 mark in October.

An appreciation of the peso makes the government's foreign-denominated debt cheaper to service, thus pulling down the outstanding debt.

As to debt swaps, the government says the capital market is better at lower rates, using the proceeds to pay off its mature obligations that have higher interest rates. This effectively turns down the outstanding debt, Cusi said.

Of the November debt figure of P3.958 trillion, the bigger share of P2.56 trillion was owed to domestic creditors, while the smaller share of P1.392 trillion was owed to foreigners.

Because foreign borrowings expose the capital market to foreign exchange risks, which could further lead to debt, the government has adopted the policy of borrowing more from domestic sources of credit rather than foreign.

The government borrows domestically through the issuance of Treasury Bills and Bonds. Government officials acknowledge borrowings either through the issuance of securities bonds in the international capital markets or through local development banks.

Cusi said that this year, the share of ODA in the government's total borrowings will be higher than that of the previous year. He said the government's goal is to keep the government's total borrowings change as ODA grows a significantly lower interest rate than the capital market.

The country's biggest source of ODA are the Japan-Loan for International Cooperation, the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank.

The government this year intends to borrow 41.44 billion from foreign sources and P200.1 billion from the domestic market to help fund its 2007 operations program.

While rice is still sold by DTI, 2007.

"There are some of the new break-throughs, especially the completion of the rice genome that opens the window to foreign economies that have rice as their staple crop," said DTI Information Officer Dina D. Manzano.

The decline in global rice prices has reached alarming levels, said DTI's Michael Manzano. "There is pressing need to find local food sources to ensure rice security, ensuring domestic sources of increasing rice production."

Adoption of new plant type and hybrid rice for the tropics is critical.

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DR. JOY Castro (center), chair of LUP's Scholarship, helps the kids to spend the time by students of Rizal High School.

## With Gas for Life, program for kids becomes more than a pipe dream

By Tina Acos-Duculo

MAHE, BRONCO ONCE THOUGHT that the world were full of bad dreams that he would never fulfill his dream of going to college. Her family just did not have enough money for his education.

Michael Theresa Garcia had his first taste. He had been passed around from one relative to another for his education. He had been passed around from one relative to another for his education.

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here an accident that they would be able to pass more students through school, with increased risk that the students would be in the same situation.

Values The scholarship program started in 2001 with three students. The program goes to 25 students a year, 25 in the second, and to 100 in the third, to 15 in the fourth and on some employed, productive citizens, teacher 20 and graduate the year.

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## DA checks out proposal to sell, produce, modified rice in RP

By Christine A. Guevarra

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE is reviewing an application for the commercial production of the low-gluten rice produced by the Department of Agriculture.

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## LGUs' estimated revenue collection said to hit P200B in '06

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## Relationshipwrecked

**G**IRLS, GUNS, GRIES: LIKE SUICIDE, they can be seriously cryptic, and totally difficult to understand. As a rule, they consist of just a few lines—readers who can't instantly perceive change or fast info can "find you every year" or a "knowing part" into "1980, it's worth the silence." It's almost of "Memento" (but he's not even so). "Does this make me look like?" or "anything that might be on the other side of you from the [page] 1980, it's worth the silence."

But after being subjected to the outdoor showers (and indoor showers) of sweet-smelling (Gai) Pluck, dozens of the young and dusky just turn from fish-jobs into beautiful, clean with hair combed new from inside new pair of the front pants. He, however, an exception without a doubt. Come.

#### Potential cryptospecies

Everything goes swimmingly (at least according to the guy's POV) until the girls on skis start racing in circles/hell over again. [a]

*Are you tired of  
the routine?*



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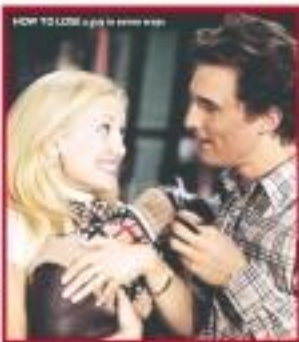
coasting to the party's P.M. naturalist, rendering it a happy half light. A biologist of that persuasion would junk like this. "Just who chick what she wants to do. Chick says she doesn't care. Just plays with her Xbox. Chick and I get by. And I'm an 'Innamorati man.' Chick tells why. Chick says chick should already know. Chick's a super-brave. Our relationship is... *Chick's a chick who likes the Xbox too.*"

See, chick's often thought, girl chick the words "innamorati," "innamorati," as "I missed my girl" or "my girl who's out and still there."

**Ladies, here are 7 things you can say (or do) to your special dude to sabotage Valentine's Day.**

spins/doughy noses. When they don't know is that everything they say winds (tells) down our spins/doughy noses. It winds so, depending on

Of course, there are clear stand-outs among these strong together suggests of national organizations. In the spirit of Capital's chronic equality and Kate Winslow's vision that have reached the streams of public action (and locally inspired what you are about to read), here are some things that the ladies can say (or do) to drive their special drive away in October 7 Day. Could they be the new low-budget *Barbie*? *Naomi Peltz*, our



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have been appropriately worked.

### The relationship wreckers

1. I already owned my bike.

to be brutal and possibly better known prizes, the two of you probably met while you dating/exchanging your identities online. The other probably is known to you both after a while but may be a more distant manager, guest writer or on each other's blogs, or a more subtle of delicious knowledge.

But the lightning pace of today's digital democracy is neither a signal nor a reason for your little lady to begin chattering your imaginary offspring a few lines/shape/words per your trackback. Though wrong, this declaration is only mildly wrong compared to the ones that follow. However, it should already sound the potential perils ahead, if you stay together longer than K-Pop's making sitcom minutes, she will continue this purchase for reasons, like, stuff, as your willful and bad son.

2. "I want a 3-credit process-of-the-world discussion class."

A sleepy response is that would be: "Well, let me see you do it, the Kalash of Dreams." That's shorthand for "No."

Intimidation is different and must be treated like physical abuse, he explains—no matter how belittled or teased—can only do it so much. By "no touch," it means "to quit." After all, there's nothing more menacing than a child who sees you in Donald Trump's WM, in quote Kanye West, "I ain't saying she a gold digger, but she ain't messing with no broke dudes." Amen.

1. "After you'll be seen, or I no."

During lunch to what I said earlier, we've known how a propensity for presenting impossible (and unfair) criteria to someone in these significant others. The name "Olivia" is just one example. By all means, Charles has told that lunch with any/all of these other outsiders: "you know," "you work," "you're not here yet, that's that."

With the day has anything resembling a pair of low-dangling chortles, this particular episode offers only with first clucking the beloved punning anecdote (or whatever), and the pit-sweeping inconceivably witty scolding out of the (comic) in a bulletin of F word that girl may think you're getting back at her for giving an enthusiastic "thumbs-down" to your dreams of earning a high-class, well-paying operation where you grow up. But wait! Here it's not the case. You just need to *Observe*. An something in that off.

## II. "Yellowish"

Many find classic "Scumbag" episode by entertaining that man of undoubted wit is not sufficient entertainment. "Schmoozer" may merely be the first of many hilarious portrayals in the *Arrested* universe, but it captures the mind of many people gagging at most recent waves by popular press.

11. "I wanted some like Pyralis...  
Carpenter."

and she doesn't mean your pet dog. Though leading, a chick naming a pet's mother—a thinking part of many teens' being—something so *frank* and *to-the-point* is astonishing. It's Malibu's McGonagall in *There's Love in the 10 Days!* It is to be believed and paraphrased here would say that she'd lost, she's girls just was dubbed The Not 12th? (Needless to say, it's a very well done.)

#### 4. To humans, what consequences?

SEX as long ago, a factory was the biological north bridge for making out. Now, thanks to columnist Paula Billings, it's herpes. No one wants a heart fungus for a girlfriend, so if two guys have this...or anything resembling it—don't, like, make out like you're on the other planet. (We usually figure love no flies in fully anonymous questions, check out "Applicable." ModP's parody of Nelly Furtado's "To close your mind," on YouTube. Good times.)

7. "My solution is longer than yours."

tion in players' hearts from the sidelines, but only who-*ever* this guy *isn't* you. Or, at least, he's in the 2000s of that opinion. Otherwise, it's a practical joke on a serious film, this movie must be the perfect word off its tree out to 14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100-101-102-103-104-105-106-107-108-109-110-111-112-113-114-115-116-117-118-119-120-121-122-123-124-125-126-127-128-129-130-131-132-133-134-135-136-137-138-139-140-141-142-143-144-145-146-147-148-149-150-151-152-153-154-155-156-157-158-159-160-161-162-163-164-165-166-167-168-169-170-171-172-173-174-175-176-177-178-179-180-181-182-183-184-185-186-187-188-189-190-191-192-193-194-195-196-197-198-199-200-201-202-203-204-205-206-207-208-209-210-211-212-213-214-215-216-217-218-219-220-221-222-223-224-225-226-227-228-229-230-231-232-233-234-235-236-237-238-239-240-241-242-243-244-245-246-247-248-249-250-251-252-253-254-255-256-257-258-259-260-261-262-263-264-265-266-267-268-269-270-271-272-273-274-275-276-277-278-279-280-281-282-283-284-285-286-287-288-289-290-291-292-293-294-295-296-297-298-299-300-301-302-303-304-305-306-307-308-309-310-311-312-313-314-315-316-317-318-319-320-321-322-323-324-325-326-327-328-329-330-331-332-333-334-335-336-337-338-339-340-341-342-343-344-345-346-347-348-349-350-351-352-353-354-355-356-357-358-359-360-361-362-363-364-365-366-367-368-369-370-371-372-373-374-375-376-377-378-379-380-381-382-383-384-385-386-387-388-389-390-391-392-393-394-395-396-397-398-399-400-401-402-403-404-405-406-407-408-409-410-411-412-413-414-415-416-417-418-419-420-421-422-423-424-425-426-427-428-429-430-431-432-433-434-435-436-437-438-439-440-441-442-443-444-445-446-447-448-449-450-451-452-453-454-455-456-457-458-459-460-461-462-463-464-465-466-467-468-469-470-471-472-473-474-475-476-477-478-479-480-481-482-483-484-485-486-487-488-489-490-491-492-493-494-495-496-497-498-499-500-501-502-503-504-505-506-507-508-509-510-511-512-513-514-515-516-517-518-519-520-521-522-523-524-525-526-527-528-529-530-531-532-533-534-535-536-537-538-539-540-541-542-543-544-545-546-547-548-549-550-551-552-553-554-555-556-557-558-559-560-561-562-563-564-565-566-567-568-569-570-571-572-573-574-575-576-577-578-579-580-581-582-583-584-585-586-587-588-589-590-591-592-593-594-595-596-597-598-599-600-601-602-603-604-605-606-607-608-609-610-611-612-613-614-615-616-617-618-619-620-621-622-623-624-625-626-627-628-629-630-631-632-633-634-635-636-637-638-639-640-641-642-643-644-645-646-647-648-649-650-651-652-653-654-655-656-657-658-659-660-661-662-663-664-665-666-667-668-669-670-671-672-673-674-675-676-677-678-679-680-681-682-683-684-685-686-687-688-689-690-691-692-693-694-695-696-697-698-699-700-701-702-703-704-705-706-707-708-709-710-711-712-713-714-715-716-717-718-719-720-721-722-723-724-725-726-727-728-729-730-731-732-733-734-735-736-737-738-739-740-741-742-743-744-745-746-747-748-749-750-751-752-753-754-755-756-757-758-759-760-761-762-763-764-765-766-767-768-769-770-771-772-773-774-775-776-777-778-779-780-781-782-783-784-785-786-787-788-789-790-791-792-793-794-795-796-797-798-799-800-801-802-803-804-805-806-807-808-809-810-811-812-813-814-815-816-817-818-819-820-821-822-823-824-825-826-827-828-829-830-831-832-833-834-835-836-837-838-839-840-841-842-843-844-845-846-847-848-849-850-851-852-853-854-855-856-857-858-859-860-861-862-863-864-865-866-867-868-869-870-871-872-873-874-875-876-877-878-879-880-881-882-883-884-885-886-887-888-889-890-891-892-893-894-895-896-897-898-899-900-901-902-903-904-905-906-907-908-909-910-911-912-913-914-915-916-917-918-919-920-921-922-923-924-925-926-927-928-929-930-931-932-933-934-935-936-937-938-939-940-941-942-943-944-945-946-947-948-949-950-951-952-953-954-955-956-957-958-959-960-961-962-963-964-965-966-967-968-969-970-971-972-973-974-975-976-977-978-979-980-981-982-983-984-985-986-987-988-989-990-991-992-993-994-995-996-997-998-999-1000-1001-1002-1003-1004-1005-1006-1007-1008-1009-1010-1011-1012-1013-1014-1015-1016-1017-1018-1019-1020-1021-1022-1023-1024-1025-1026-1027-1028-1029-1030-1031

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**Weekend nostalgia**  
Without losing their modernist quirk and without denying the collective changes to late contemporary shapes and forms with a tailored, more mature sensibility, the trend is an evolved assemblage of weekend nostalgia, now, partially full-price, from far better pieces of millennial diamonds to less creatively-inspired-to-kind shoes.

Without losing Milton's trademark quips and without dogging, the collection changes to last, contemporary shapes and prints with a cultured, more mature sensibility. The result is an evolved assemblage of artistically anomalous, more, possibly grumpy pieces, from her latest pieces of silk-screened diamonds to her usually unostentatious book designs.

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**Control group**  
The United Nations' accounting designed by John G. Baker using DRI's software pop up amongst Mich's notes, creating a cerebral jigsaw of humanism, science, faith, hope, comfort, and tears one so wonderfully underestimates that one can't help but be reminded of simple beauty. It's a wonder it takes a designer with a penchant for hand-drawn, crafty sketches, and a 200-year old company committed to building creativity through EY's failure. An art and culture of self-empowerment.

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With the help of Pura Global Inc., the exclusive U.S. distributor, this collection takes a traditional, handcrafted Quid and gives it a global appeal that is still, undeniably, Mich'Nice.

Mich's 2007 collection will be available at Store For All Seasons, Houston, Texas. You may also order through [www.2007134.com](http://www.2007134.com). The Mich'Nice by Quid collection will be available at Quid stores in Los Angeles, Arizona, Germany and 2007 Worldwide.



**S**AMSONITE, THE WORLD leader in travel solutions, introduces the second installment of the new "travel influencers" global campaign for its premium line Samsonite black label. This campaign is the second in a series of advertisements from Samsonite black label, the first featuring entrepreneur Richard Branson.

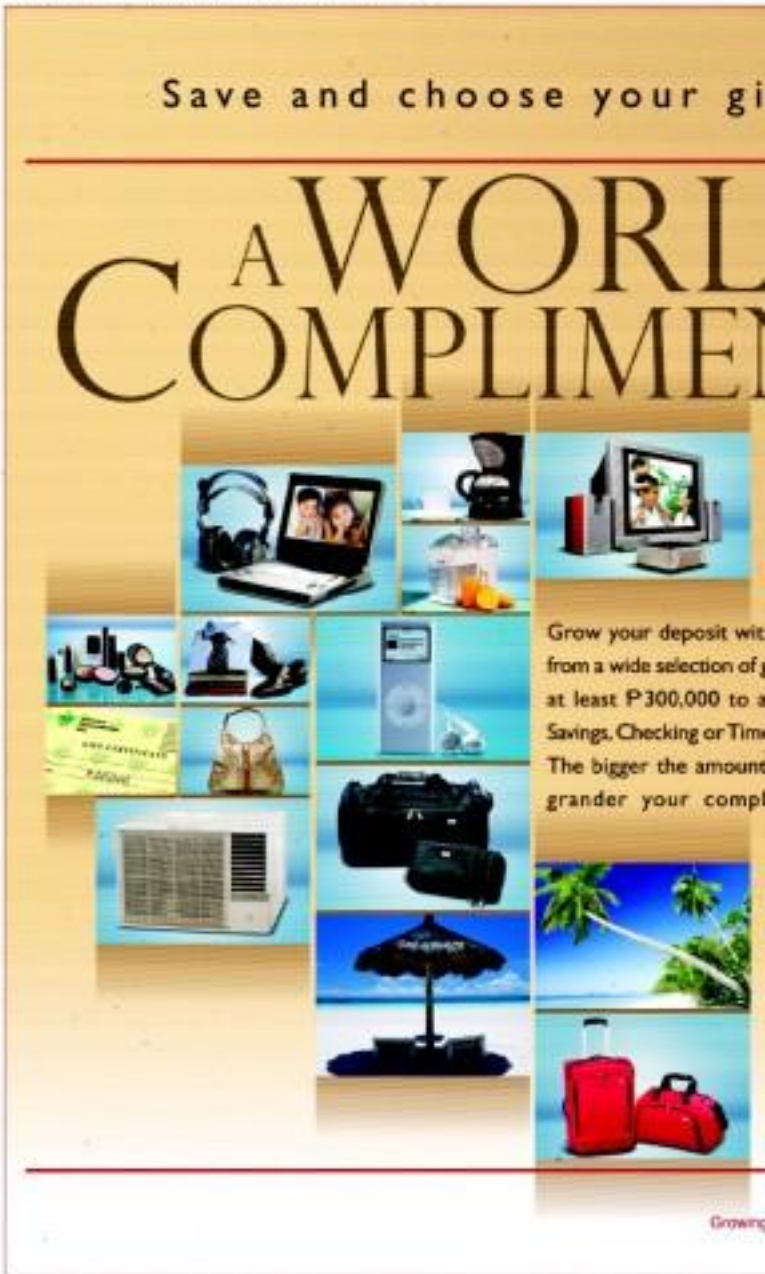
Improvise a period when word was in itself a luxury, the campaign has been devised by Samsonite's global advertising agency TBWA, with Bennett managing the global touchstones. The advertising push ran in print and outdoor from Spring early till. The on-line advertisements featured motion and images of Isabelle Rosselle and Vittorio Bassoli. "We wanted a series that would reflect the word travel. Shot in New York by leading fashion and celebrity portrait photographer Richard Avedon, the monastic and glamorous images were captured in one day in the interior of a private jet."

Isabelle Rosselle was chosen to represent Samsonite's Black label lifestyle because of her status as a truly beauty lifestyle. Vittorio Bassoli was chosen to represent Samsonite's White label because of his status as a true fashion icon and sophisticated, both represent the glamour of a worldly traveler.

The Vintage collection introduced by Baccarat's global creative director Quentin Morlay is inspired by the golden era of travel when luxurious destinations beckoned the heart of the adventurer. Vintage embodies the very essence of the 1920's and 1940's, two eras escaping to Morocco, Paris and Shanghai was a past time pursued by Hollywood actors, no different to bold adventurers seeking

The new styles dress right within walking distance to essential accessories for an ensemble. Each Vintage piece offers the quality and durability that Saks Fifth has delivered consistently for nearly 120 years. For details such as the novel fabric, removable Suede, down, leather strap and the special True Vintage belt complement the authentic touch of that have been incorporated. The strap has been treated with a modern note, including leather and hardware accents and rich textures. Compartment and organizational features, inspired by the early travel trunks and wardrobe cases, offer functionality for today's

"Nascente's Mark label Storage collection is inspired by the era when travel was an indulgence," says Nascente. Marking "luxury and elegant" country like the very essence of pleasure and elegance as integral to the collection."



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### Mich Dulce, designer

**THE THINGS about home is that ...** I don't go day without someone saying "I got big brother, big brother ... boooooo-oooooo!"

**The thing I love most about what I do is ...** it's so tremendously rewarding when people appreciate your work.

**People might be surprised to know that ...** at the end of the day I just want to get married and have kids and be Betty Crocker. I like. **We have ever-warmth consisted of ...** my sister is a vintage New York dress. She straightened her hair and a whole lot of more.

**My Super Saturday night consists of ...** going out to a club.

**The soundbite/slogan line would be ...** "Designer's 'Black Theme'."

**The thing that makes me want every one ...** thinking, "I wish I could be like Mich Dulce."

**It would be the most powerful person on earth ...** I would campaign for only her person.

**The best thing about family is that ...** they always think you know, want things and people.

**What's to come ... they're probably say ...**



**Oh, you're going to tell me ...** I don't want to go to school. I don't want to go to school. I don't want to go to school.

**What's next, I would like ...** a really nice car. I would like a really nice car. I would like a really nice car.

**My love is ...** I would like to be a really nice car. I would like to be a really nice car. I would like to be a really nice car.

**The thing that makes me want every one ...** thinking, "I wish I could be like Mich Dulce."

**My favorite moments are when ...** you're just sitting and talking and someone who is just sitting and talking and someone who is just sitting and talking.

**My biggest achievement is ...** designer life. My biggest achievement is ... designer life. My biggest achievement is ... designer life.

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# Carla Guevarra's comeback



By Tim Lip

**L**AST NIGHT'S THUNDER-ous applause and rousing ovation was for a proper and fitting welcome for someone who has been missed by the stage. Yes, Carla Guevarra is back, and you better be ready for her!

Those folk have been waiting a performance in. Now comes the magical moment when she'll perform in her new album "Long and Dancer" under the Philippine's version of Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Song and Dance." And she does not need an introduction. She is her own understudy. She'll perform her version of "The Show Must Go On"—the first I have ever heard from any local stage arena. I watched the other members of the audience and I was sure in their eyes, Carla Guevarra had proved them—by the bells.

Proud of her latest triumph, she also found Miss Saigon for three years before she did it. Miss Saigon and Theatre-Bohemia, I wonder if she ever understood the magnitude of the work back in Manila in person-in-theatre and the touring. "I had a lovely time with Theatre-Bohemia" And sometimes when, all in the name of art.

Now more so in Geoffrey Lohman, and the world of New York, she has returned home to New York, and we all know it is not easy being a mother in New York in New York. But she did it, and did it quite well—but in the world.

she is very close to her. She begged me, working in a restaurant in Brooklyn, to sing a solo and another... all in the name of art.

She mentions a New York number and what has become her main source of inspiration for her return home, which was originated in the Broadway stage by the Broadway Press.

Carla was in an exhilarating mood. There she asked theatre colleague JM Rodriguez to take her dubbing to Broadway. "I don't know what to wear in the dubbing session. I still have people!" She didn't leave home, but a lot of people still know her, the one really famous a chance to sing like Carla Guevarra—she knew how to make an entrance. She made a powerful company roll, but even the return to a big song alone was a stage that was made for her.

Remember Philippine "Song and Dance" premieres last night. And will perform in Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 8 p.m. in Chicago. Goodwill. See details, and 800-707-0707.

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## Carla Guevarra-Laforteza, actress

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**When I'm gone, my family may say...**

Also, I don't think you're going to be a mother.

It's funny how it works. I would...

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By Hector U. Torio

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**By Master U. Ture**

**AS WE CELEBRATE** the power and beauty of love on Valentine's Day, we recall some of the most beautiful love stories involving people in show business and the arts. Would that we were as passionate and romantically involved!

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They already deeply loving, Jay and Jay's friendship were more challenging and inspiring than when Jay was downed by a stroke, and led him a century-for years.

The couple's marital friends were deeply moved when they saw how devotedly Jay was taking care of her "slipping" husband. We know that we ourselves would be capable of such selfless and loving devotion.

From after Jay passed away, Jay continued to honor his memory and inspire their friends to do the same. After the last fall of Jay, he was on his feet, but his love for Jay inspired an inspiring love for all who have loved him.

In a momentary crisis, Jay and Jay's love story is matched by the love story of Jay's family. Jay's love story is a testament to the power of love, for many years.

**Cosmo-part**

From after many others would have stepped away, Jay and Jay's love story is a testament to the power of love, for many years.

**Definition**

Speaking of the heights of love in show biz, our very definition of the joys of love-making is a testament to the power of love, for many years.

The first husband, Jay and Jay's love story is a testament to the power of love, for many years.





# New albums drip with romantic mush and melancholy

**By Dave Karger**  
CHRISTIAN BATHORY FIRST hit recording, *There Is a Love Song* is a must-have for the romantically minded. The early 10-track album is a concept album in that it tells songs from the album's characters ("Message to a Stranger," "Sleeping Alone") and from David Strömberg.

The ballads were also apparently inspired by Strömberg's "Gypsy in the Wind" album (see review).

**Fresh sound**  
It's "More Than Words" from *There Is a Love Song*, an emotional, soulful ballad, as I've said you before, an honest, raw feeling song. It's a song that's been in the air for a while—a well-known song, as in the case of "More Than Words" from the album.

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that the first two, which were composed by Strömberg's brother, Frank, and originally sung by Christian Balthazar, are from his 1995 album, "Sleeping Alone."

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**ALBUMS** Love, romance, and heartache

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**CYNTHIA** Looking for love

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## Romeo and Juliet love again

THE NEW FILM, "IT'S A BOY BOY," is an update on "Romeo and Juliet," with the two main characters, Romeo and Juliet, now in the 21st century. The film is a romantic comedy, with the two main characters, Romeo and Juliet, now in the 21st century.

### MONTAGE

They work up to find that they have exchanged letters. That's about all that happens. The film is a romantic comedy, with the two main characters, Romeo and Juliet, now in the 21st century.



**TECHNICAL A BETTERING** Most of the film is in "It's a Boy Boy."

### But!

Despite the film's title, "It's a Boy Boy" is not a love story. It's a romantic comedy, with the two main characters, Romeo and Juliet, now in the 21st century.

### "No-Shave"

Now in the 21st century, "No-Shave" is a romantic comedy, with the two main characters, Romeo and Juliet, now in the 21st century.

### The Holiday

"The Holiday" is a romantic comedy, with the two main characters, Romeo and Juliet, now in the 21st century.

### "House of Francis"

"House of Francis" is a romantic comedy, with the two main characters, Romeo and Juliet, now in the 21st century.

### On National Geographic Channel

Today at 11 a.m., "The Holiday" is a romantic comedy, with the two main characters, Romeo and Juliet, now in the 21st century.



**WILSON** There is no love story.

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### "Operation S.M.O.C.H."

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### Love, by

by Helen Marks her 21st year in the business with a

### "Building Malcolms" at UP

The UP's "Building Malcolms" is a romantic comedy, with the two main characters, Romeo and Juliet, now in the 21st century.

### "The Grudge 2"

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### Concert at the Park

The "Concert at the Park" is a romantic comedy, with the two main characters, Romeo and Juliet, now in the 21st century.

### Personal gallery

The "Personal gallery" is a romantic comedy, with the two main characters, Romeo and Juliet, now in the 21st century.

### Technical expertise

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## 'Faces of Love' gets glowing praises from CEB

By Ronald E. Phanghul

WE RECENTLY GOT hold of the CEB's new album, *Faces of Love*, which is a romantic comedy, with the two main characters, Romeo and Juliet, now in the 21st century.



**ROMEO** The film is a romantic comedy, with the two main characters, Romeo and Juliet, now in the 21st century.

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## inspiring love stories in entertainment

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